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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated June 9, 2005 in connection with International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2003/015613, filed December 5, 2003, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Consideration of the enclosed English translation, upon examination of the above-identified application, and acknowledgment of receipt and consideration thereof, are respectfully requested.

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